MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. 2O

TO:

Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE:

February 13, 2007

FROM:

Murray A. Greenberg

County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution Urging the

Florida Legislature to Establish Matching Funds

For Solar Water Heater Installations for Low-Income

Homeowners

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Katy Sorenson.

County Attorney

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TO:

Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro

DATE:

February 6, 2007

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

FROM:

Murray A. Greenber

County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No.

Please	note any items checked.
·	"4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
	6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
	4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
	Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budge
-	Budget required
	Statement of fiscal impact required
	Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
	Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
	Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
	No committee review

Approved	<u>Mayor</u>	Agenda Item No.
Veto		02-06-07
Override		

RESOLUTION NO.	

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS FOR SOLAR WATER HEATER INSTALLATIONS FOR LOW-INCOME HOMEOWNERS

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has provided funding for solar water heater installations for low-income homeowners for the last several years; and

WHEREAS, the program has completed close to 20 installations and is expected to install another 48 this year; and

WHEREAS, the program has become one of the largest non-utility solar water programs in the State; and

WHEREAS, with a large population of economically disadvantaged families, there remains a substantial unmet need for such solar water heaters beyond what the County can provide on its own; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature should replicate the success of the Miami-Dade solar water heater program across the state and establish a statewide program that provides matching funds to local governments for solar water heater programs for low-income homeowners; and

WHEREAS, state matching funds could increase local governments' ability to provide economic stability to low income homeowners through reduced electric bills and improved quality of life,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to establish a program to provide matching funds for local programs that provide solar water heaters to low-income homeowners.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of the resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and Chair and members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the issue identified in section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 state legislative package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson and offered by

Commissioner , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded

by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as

follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman

Jose "Pepe" Diaz Carlos A. Gimenez Joe A. Martinez Dorrin D. Rolle Katy Sorenson Sen. Javier D. Souto Audrey M. Edmonson Sally A. Heyman Dennis C. Moss Natacha Seijas Rebeca Sosa

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The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of February, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.



Jess M. McCarty

